UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY

MANDAR MIRASHI,

Plaintiff,

v.

JOHN DOE,

An unknown individual(s),

V.

521.99931468 Bitcoin,

In rem Defendant,

V.

FixedFloat, Kraken, ChangeNow, exch.cx, TradeOgre, and John Doe 2,

Relief Defendants.

Case. No.

COMPLAINT FOR DAMAGES AND EQUITABLE RELIEF PURSUANT TO:

1.The Computer Fraud and Abuse Act, 18 U.S.C. §1030 et seq.;

- 2. The New Jersey Computer-Related Offenses Act, NJSA 2A:38A et seq.;
- 3. Common Law Fraud;
- 4. Common Law Conversion of Property;
- 5. Replevin under NJSA 2B:50-1
- 6. Common Law Unjust Enrichment; and
- 7. Equitable Relief, Including
 - (a) Freeze and Disgorgement of Stolen Assets;
 - (b) Accounting
 - (c) Establishment of Constructive Trust
 - (d) Freeze of John Doe's Assets

Plaintiff Mandar Mirashi brings this case against fictitious defendant John Doe by and through his attorneys, upon personal knowledge as to his own conduct, and upon information and belief as to the conduct of others, as follows:

INTRODUCTION

- 1. Plaintiff Mandar Mirashi is the victim of cryptocurrency theft. On February 27, 2025 an unknown hacker stole \$40 million in Bitcoin from his cryptocurrency wallets.
- 2. John Doe, whose identity is unknown, used fraudulent tactics including falsified communications from Google, Ledger, and other parties to access Plaintiff's computer.
- 3. Once John Doe had access to Plaintiff's computer, John Doe drained Plaintiff's cryptocurrency wallets of over \$40 million of Bitcoin and other assets.
- 4. Plaintiff is now tracking his assets across the bitcoin blockchain and requests an order freezing his Stolen Assets, an order freezing the assets of the hacker where such assets can

be identified, an order instructing certain virtual asset service providers (VASPs) to provide information on the identity of the hacker and transactions involving the Stolen Assets, and other relief.

PARTIES

- 5. Plaintiff Mandar Mirashi is an individual who resides in Hudson County, New Jersey.
- 6. John Doe is the unknown hacker who illegally accessed Mr. Mirashi's computer and cryptocurrency wallets and stole Mr. Mirashi's Bitcoin. Plaintiff does not know John Doe's location.
- 7. *In rem* defendant 521.99931468 Bitcoin is the Bitcoin that was stolen from Mr. Mirashi by John Doe.
- 8. Relief Defendant FixedFloat is a virtual asset service providers (VASP) that received deposits of the Stolen Assets. FixedFloat is a Delaware corporation.
- 9. Relief Defendant Kraken is a VASP that received deposits of the Stolen Assets. Kraken is headquartered in Canada.
- 10. Relief Defendant ChangeNow is a VASP that received deposits of the Stolen Assets. ChangeNow is headquartered in the Seychelles.
- 11. Relief Defendant exch.cx is a VASP that received deposits of the Stolen Assets. Exch.cx is registered in Belize.
- 12. Relief Defendant TradeOgre is a VASP that received deposits of the Stolen Assets. On information and belief, TradeOgre is headquartered in the United States.
- 13. The "John Doe 2" Relief Defendant is one or more unknown cryptocurrency exchanges that have received 45 deposits of Mr. Mirashi's Bitcoin.

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

14. This Court has subject matter jurisdiction over this lawsuit pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §1331 because this case involves a federal question under the Computer Fraud and Abuse Act (18 U.S.C. §1030 *et seq.*).

- 15. This Court has personal jurisdiction because defendant John Doe committed an intentional tort; Plaintiff suffered the harm from the tort in New Jersey; and John Doe directed his fraudulent conduct at New Jersey.
- Venue is appropriate in this District because Plaintiff Mandar Mirashi is a resident 16. of this District and the cause of action arose in this District. Plaintiff accessed his wallets and conducted the transactions referred to herein from his computer in Hudson County, New Jersey.

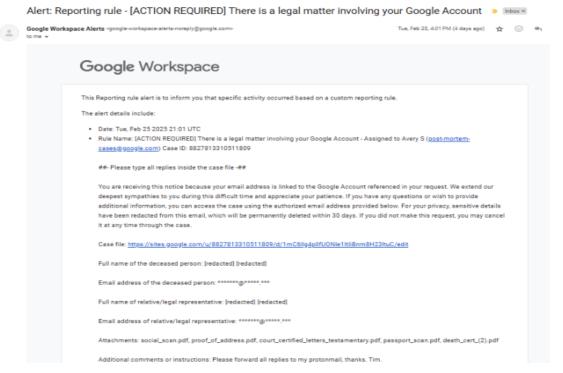
FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS

Plaintiff's Ownership and Custody of the Stolen Assets

- 17. As of February 27, 2025 Plaintiff maintained two cryptocurrency wallets containing digital assets including 521.99931468 Bitcoin (the "Stolen Assets").
- 18. Cryptocurrency wallets, like bank accounts, have identifying numbers called addresses but are otherwise anonymous.
- 19. Plaintiff's wallets bear the addresses: 36cfw3QiQeJJryX7JbWb1DKL7ZP1zMuF1S ("Plaintiff Wallet 1") and 33oV5phadHeUPEgiVNH9fVUZsNhAeDLhAN ("Plaintiff Wallet 2").
- 20. Plaintiff's wallets are located on the bitcoin blockchain, a publicly available cryptocurrency ledger which records transactions conducted using the cryptocurrency Bitcoin. The cryptocurrency Bitcoin, as opposed to the bitcoin blockchain, is referred to as "BTC."

The Phishing Attempts

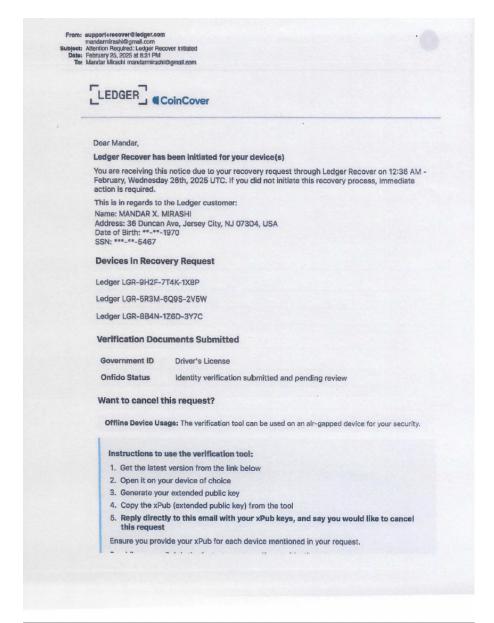
- 21. The attempt to steal Mr. Mirashi's BTC began on February 25, 2025 at 4:01 p.m. when Mr. Mirashi received from an email from Google Workspace Alerts informing him that he was dead.
- 22. The email stated that there was a legal matter involving Mr. Mirashi's Google account and provided a case number.

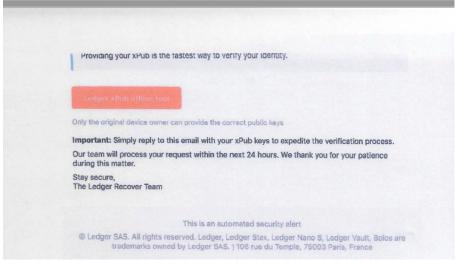


- 23. Mr. Mirashi clicked on the "Case File" link provided in the email, signed into his Google account, and learned that Google believed he was dead.
- 24. Mr. Mirashi knew that Google has a procedure for relatives of a deceased Google customer to retrieve the deceased's emails, documents, and other materials.
- 25. Later, however, Mr. Mirashi thought it was strange that such an email would be sent to him, the party listed as deceased.
- 26. Mr. Mirashi immediately contacted Google and told Google that he suspected he was being hacked.
- 27. Google froze Mr. Mirashi's security settings and asked him to cancel the case that was opened, which he did.

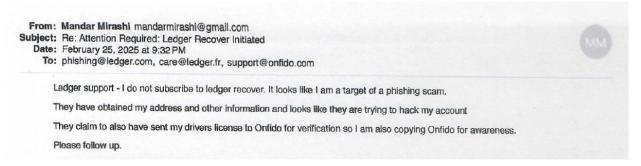


- 28. Mr. Mirashi also maintains several "cold storage" or "hardware" wallets manufactured by Ledger SAS, a Paris-based company.
- 29. These wallets are small devices designed to store a user's private keys, which are the passwords used to access cryptocurrency assets.
- 30. If a fraudster obtains a user's private keys, the fraudster can control the user's cryptocurrency wallets and assets.
- 31. At 8:31 p.m. Mr. Mirashi received an email from support+recover@ledger.com, which appeared to be from Ledger.
- 32. The email's line was "Attention Required: Ledger Recover Initiated." The email contained the device IDs of Mr. Mirashi's three Ledger devices as well as his date of birth and the last four digits of his social security number:

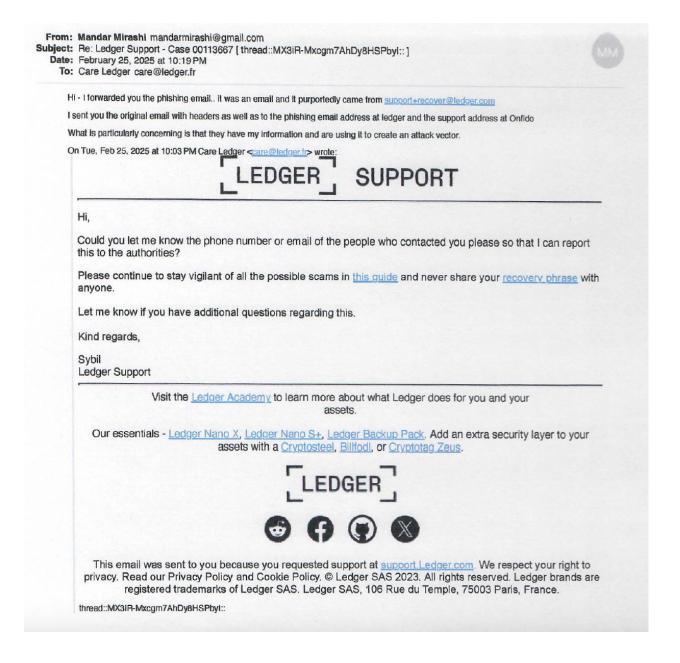




- 33. Mr. Mirashi knew that Ledger offered a service called "Ledger Recover," but he had not subscribed to it.
- 34. The email also referred to an identity verification procedure where Mr. Mirashi's drivers' license would have to be reviewed. The email also provided a link asking for Mr. Mirashi's extended public key.
- 35. Mr. Mirashi suspected the email was a phishing attempt and contacted Ledger at 9:32 p.m. informing Ledger that he was not a subscriber and that he believed he was the target of a phishing scam.



- 36. At 9:33 p.m. Mr. Mirashi received a form response from Ledger.
- 37. At 9:34 p.m. Mr. Mirashi received an email from care@ledger.fr stating that his case had been close due to inactivity. The email also invited him to click on a link to open a new ticket.
- 38. At 10:03 p.m. Mr. Mirashi received an email from care@ledger.fr asking for the phone number or email of the people who contacted Mr. Mirashi so they could be reported to the authorities.
- 39. At 10:19 p.m. Mr. Mirashi responded stating that he had already sent the original phishing email to Ledger.



- 40. The next day, February 26, 2025, Mr. Mirashi received suspicious emails seeking his Apple credentials. He ignored these.
- 41. Mr. Mirashi also received two Google emails similar to the one he had received the day before. He ignored these as well.
- 42. At 3:47 p.m. Mr. Mirashi received an email from "Ledger Support" which informed him that the original phishing email was genuine and that he should follow the instructions, click on the link provided, and provide his extended public key.

From: Care Ledger

mandarmirashi@gmail.com

Subject: Re: Ledger Support - Case 00113667 [thread::MX3iR-Mxcgm7AhDy8HSPbyl::]

Date: February 26, 2025 at 3:47 PM

To: Mandar Mirashi mandarmirashi@gmail.com

LEDGER SUPPORT

Hi,

I checked over this email, and do conclude that this was not a phishing email. The email did in fact originate from our Ledger Recover Team.

This request is currently being processed, if you do not recognize it, we must proceed with you cancelling the recovery by providing your xPub key.

Please continue to stay vigilant of all the possible scams in this guide and never share your recovery phrase with

Let me know if you have additional questions regarding this.

Kind regards,

Svbil

Ledger Support

Visit the Ledger Academy to learn more about what Ledger does for you and your assets.

Our essentials - Ledger Nano X, Ledger Nano S+, Ledger Backup Pack. Add an extra security layer to your assets with a Cryptosteel, Billfodl, or Cryptotag Zeus.











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43. Mr. Mirashi responded at 6:45 p.m. that Ledger's conclusion did not make sense.

From: Mandar Mirashi mandarmirashi@gmail.com

Subject: Re: Ledger Support - Case 00113667 [thread::MX3iR-Mxcgm7AhDy8HSPbyl::]

Date: February 26, 2025 at 6:45 PM

To: Care Ledger care@ledger.fr

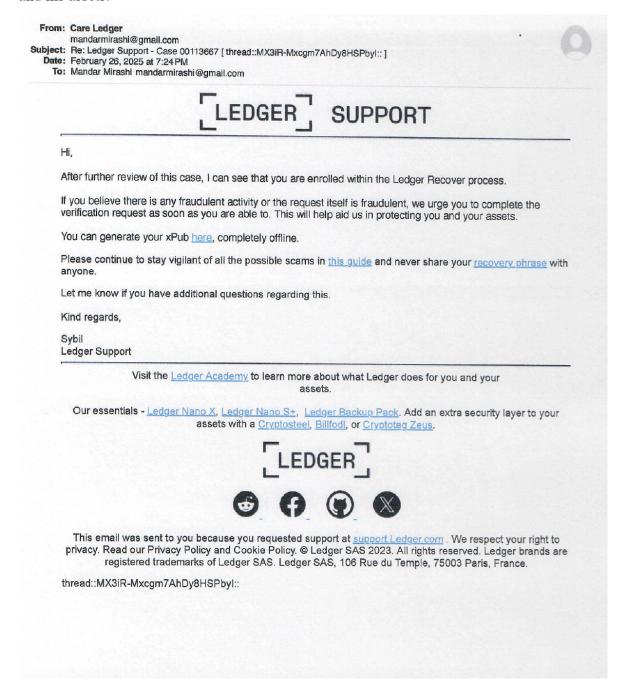


That does not make sense. I DO NOT have a ledger recover subscription.

Someone has fraudulently put in a subscription using my stolen identity information and is trying to hack me

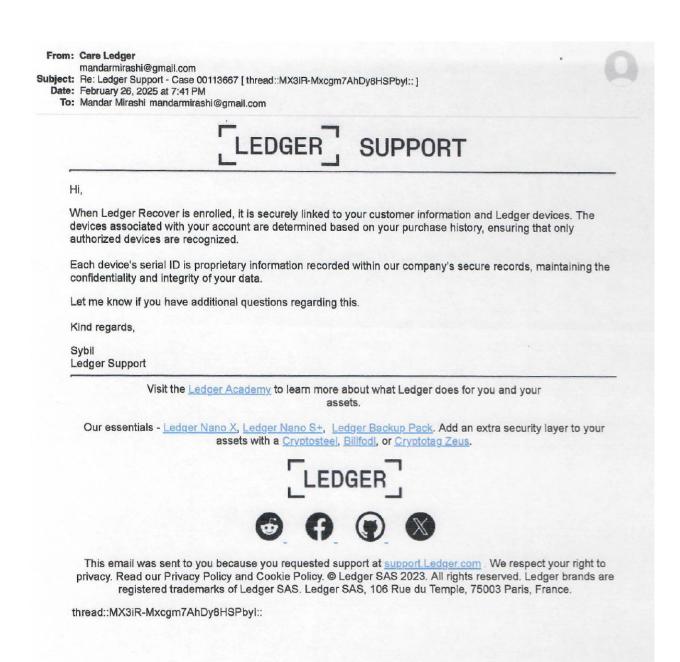
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- 44. One minute later Mr. Mirashi received another "case closed" email.
- 45. At 7:24 p.m. Mr. Mirashi received another email from Care Ledger informing him that "after further review of this case" Ledger concluded that Mr. Mirashi was, in fact, enrolled in the Ledger Recover process, and that if he suspected any fraudulent activity he should complete the verification request and provide his extended public key to help Ledger protect him and his assets:



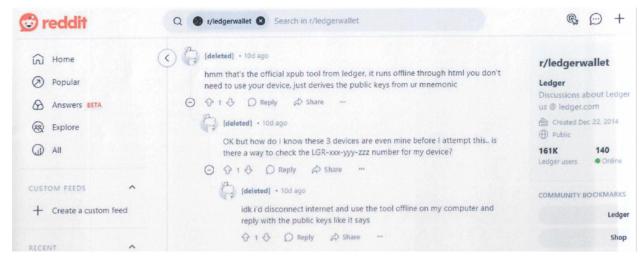
p.m.

- 46. Mr. Mirashi responded at 7:24 p.m. seeking further information, and a minute later received another "case closed" email.
- 47. At 7:41 p.m. Mr. Mirashi received an email from Care Ledger purporting to answer his questions.



48. Mr. Mirashi exchanged more emails with Care Ledger again at 8:11 and 8:21

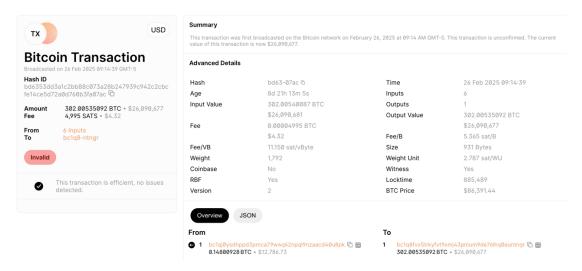
- 49. In the meantime, at 7:21 p.m. Mr. Mirashi posted in a Reddit group dedicated to Ledger issues and asked about the suspected phishing attempt requesting he provide his extended public key.
- 50. At 7:31 and 7:33 p.m. Reddit user "Large-Front-658" (since deleted) responded and encouraged Mr. Mirashi to respond to the Ledger email, complete the verification process, and provide his extended public key. But Mr. Mirashi did not do so (nor did he at any time).



- 51. Another Reddit user associated with Ledger itself later responded to Mr. Mirashi warning him not to respond to the email, saying it was a scam.
- 52. A few minutes after this warning response, at 8:30 p.m., Mr. Mirashi found that his Reddit account of 16 years had been deleted.
- 53. Mr. Mirashi immediately suspected that his system had been severely compromised since someone would need his Reddit password to delete his account.
- 54. At 8:34 p.m., a few minutes after his Reddit account was deleted, Mr. Mirashi moved 300 BTC from his Ledger wallet to his Electrum hot wallet because he believed his Ledger wallet might be compromised.
- 55. He also immediately changed his Google password, and began the laborious process of changing his other passwords.
- 56. At no point did Mr. Mirashi provide his private key to anyone, nor was it stored on his computer.

The Attempted Theft Of Mr. Mirashi's BTC

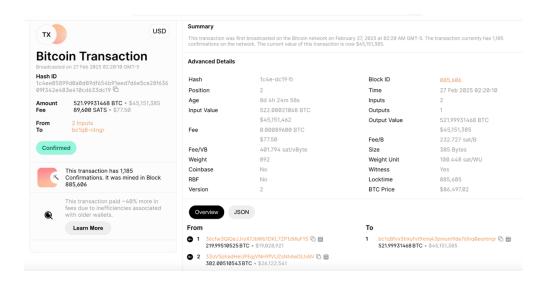
57. Suddenly at 9:14 p.m. Mr. Mirashi saw a pending transaction attempting to move 302 BTC from his Electrum wallet to address bc1q8fvx5trkyfvt9xmj43pmum9de76lhq0euntngr (referred to as the "Hacker address") which was not an address Mr. Mirashi knew.



- 58. Mr. Mirashi acted immediately and successfully nullified the transaction before it was confirmed on the bitcoin blockchain, as shown by the red "Invalid" transaction record above.
 - 59. Mr. Mirashi then immediately moved the BTC back to the Ledger wallet.
- Mr. Mirashi believed he had avoided disaster because he had changed all the 60. passwords.

The Theft Of The BTC

61. However, the following afternoon at 2:20 p.m. on February 27, 2025, 521.99931468 BTC was stolen from Mr. Mirashi's two Ledger wallets and sent to the Hacker's address:



62. Mr. Mirashi discovered the theft at around 5 p.m. He immediately contacted Ledger support and the FBI.

Tracking The Bitcoin After The Theft

- 63. One of the features of blockchain technology is transparency. A record of the movement and transfers of various assets can be reviewed on the bitcoin blockchain. Each transaction has a unique identifier.
- 64. Another feature of blockchain technology is its relative anonymity. Blockchain users are identified by their public wallet addresses, not their names.
- 65. As is typical in cryptocurrency thefts, John Doe has moved the Stolen Assets many times to try to obscure the trail.
- Mr. Mirashi retained Token Recovery, a blockchain analysis company, to track 66. the Stolen Assets.
- 67. From the Hacker address, Mr. Mirashi's BTC was split up and moved around to 197 private wallet addresses and 140 addresses associated with virtual asset service providers (VASPs) in 668 transactions.

- 68. Plaintiff has identified five VASPs and one unidentified exchange or exchanges that received deposits of Mr. Mirashi's BTC, which are named as Relief Defendants.
 - 69. As of this date 353 BTC have been deposited with the Relief Defendants.
 - 70. Relief Defendant FixedFloat received 70 deposits.
 - 71. Relief Defendant ChangeNow received 4 deposits.
 - 72. Relief Defendant Kraken received 38 deposits.
 - 73. Relief Defendant eXch.cx received 15 deposits.
 - 74. Relief Defendant TradeOgre received 70 deposits.
 - 75. Relief Defendant John Doe has received 45 deposits.
- 76. In addition, 169.24 of Mr. Mirashi's BTC has been located in five private wallets on the bitcoin blockchain. These wallet addresses are:

bc1qedyy7dfqz7kcesk8ap5kv0sq90c0cctv75fjda; bc1q5uhs4kwaq685hx2p9klhzufw6kzck65x9znvua; bc1qwjtuqew73j8zhc0xhezx905fvytj5g4307czjf; 35sBUp4t5t8gerEu9HswPiNhRSTnnS8qWX; and 38WP9sta67jMzwPrzWfrGMci7qVCpX4cFY.

CAUSES OF ACTION

COUNT ONE

Violation Of The Computer Fraud And Abuse Act ("CFAA") 18 U.S.C. §1030 et seg.

- 77. Plaintiff repeats and realleges the above paragraphs as if fully set forth herein.
- 78. The CFAA gives Plaintiff a private right of action against computer hackers.
- 79. Plaintiff's computer is equipped with email, internet browsing software, and access to social media. Accordingly, Plaintiff's computer is a "protected" computer used in interstate commerce and communication.
 - 80. John Doe had no authorization to access Plaintiff's computer.
- 81. John Doe knowingly accessed Plaintiff's computer did so with the intent to defraud and steal from Plaintiff.
- 82. John Doe used the unauthorized access to steal 521.99931468 BTC from Plaintiff, far exceeding the CFAA minimum threshold of \$5,000.

- 83. Plaintiff is entitled to compensatory damages.
- 84. Plaintiff is further entitled to injunctive and equitable relief pursuant to the CFAA including but not limited to (i) an order enjoining John Doe from accessing plaintiffs wallets; (ii) an order requiring John Doe to disgorge his ill-gotten gains; (iii) an order for an accounting of the amount and location of Plaintiff's Stolen Assets; (iv) an order imposing a constructive trust; (v) an order freezing the assets of John Doe; and (vi) an order enjoining the further transfer or disposition of Plaintiff's stolen assets by any party.

Violation of New Jersey Computer-Related Offenses Act, N.J.S.A. § 2A:38A

- 85. Plaintiff repeats and realleges the above paragraphs as if fully set forth herein.
- 86. Defendant John Doe purposefully, knowingly and without authorization, took data from Plaintiff's computer, i.e. the passcodes to Plaintiff's software wallets, in violation of N.J.S.A. §2A:38A-3(a).
- 87. Plaintiff is entitled to compensatory damages, punitive damages, costs of suit, attorneys fees, costs of investigation, and litigation costs pursuant to N.J.S.A. §2A:38A-3.
- 88. Plaintiff is further entitled to injunctive and equitable relief pursuant to N.J.S.A. §2A:38A-5, including but not limited to (i) an order enjoining John Doe from accessing plaintiffs wallets; (ii) an order requiring John Doe to disgorge his ill-gotten gains; (iii) an order for an accounting of the amount and location of Plaintiff's stolen assets; (iv) an order imposing a constructive trust; (v) an order freezing the assets of John Doe; and (vi) an order enjoining the further transfer or disposition of Plaintiff's stolen assets by any party.

COUNT THREE Common Law Fraud

- 89. Plaintiff repeats and realleges the above paragraphs as if fully set forth herein.
- 90. On February 26 and 27, 2025 John Doe sent various phishing emails to Plaintiff impersonating Google and/or Ledger.
 - 91. As a result of these phishing emails, John Doe was able steal Plaintiff's BTC.
 - 92. Plaintiff is entitled to actual, compensatory, and punitive damages.

COUNT FOUR

Conversion

93. Plaintiff repeats and realleges the above paragraphs as if fully set forth herein.

- 94. As of February 27, 2025, Plaintiff owned and had the right to possess the Stolen Assets.
- 95. When John Doe drained Plaintiff's crypto wallets of BTC, John Doe intentionally took possession of, and assumed control over, the Stolen Assets.
- 96. John Doe has intentionally exercised control, and continues to exercise control, over the Stolen Assets in such a way as to preclude Plaintiff from using or possessing the Stolen Assets.
- 97. John Doe knew the Stolen Assets were stolen or obtained in a manner constituting theft.
 - 98. Accordingly, John Doe wrongfully converted the Stolen Assets.
- 99. As a direct and proximate result of the conversion, Plaintiff suffered damages and continues to suffer damages as long as the Stolen Assets are in the possession of John Doe.
- Plaintiff is entitled to actual damages, compensatory damages, interest, expenses, and any other relief the court deems just and proper.

COUNT FIVE Replevin under N.J.S.A 2B:50-1

- 101. Plaintiff repeats and realleges the above paragraphs as if fully set forth herein.
- 102. On February 27, 2025, John Doe acquired possession of the Stolen Assets from Plaintiff through fraud, and John Doe wrongly holds the Stolen Assets.
- 103. John Doe has intentionally exercised control, and continues to exercise control, over the Stolen Assets in such a way as to preclude Plaintiff from using or possessing the Stolen Assets.
 - 104. John Doe has no right to possess the Stolen Assets.
- 105. John Doe did not take the Stolen Assets to satisfy any tax, assessment, lien, or attachment against Plaintiff.
- Plaintiff is entitled to the return of the Stolen Assets and other relief that the court 106. may deem just and proper.

COUNT SIX Unjust Enrichment

107. Plaintiff repeats and realleges the above paragraphs as if fully set forth herein.

- 108. John Doe obtained a benefit when he stole Plaintiff's BTC.
- 109. Under the circumstances, it would be against equity and good conscience to permit John Doe to retain the Stolen Assets.
- 110. Plaintiff is entitled to restitution and such other relief as the court deems just and proper.

COUNT SEVEN

Equitable Relief Against John Doe and the Relief Defendants:

- (i) Enjoining Current and Future Holders Of The Stolen Assets From Transferring Or Disposing Of The Stolen Assets; (ii) Enjoining Current and Future Holders Of The Stolen Assets To Disgorge the Stolen Assets; (iii) Establishing a Constructive Trust Over the Stolen Assets; and (iv) An Accounting of the Stolen Assets.
 - 111. Plaintiff repeats and realleges the above paragraphs as if fully set forth herein.
- 112. Plaintiff and his expert have traced the Stolen Assets to certain wallets whose owners are unknown and to certain identifiable VASPs.
- 113. The assets stolen by John Doe are specific and identifiable property and can be traced to John Doe.
- 114. In order to further prevent the dissipation of the Stolen Assets, Plaintiff requests an order enjoining the transfer or disposition of those assets, including present and future holders of the Stolen Assets.
- 115. The Stolen Assets being held by John Doe and the Relief Defendants must be disgorged to Plaintiff because John Doe is not entitled to the benefits of the Stolen Assets.
- 116. The Stolen Assets must be held in trust for Plaintiff because John Doe is not entitled to the benefits of the Stolen Assets.
- 117. John Doe has attempted to dissipate the Stolen Assets with the goal of making the Stolen Assets difficult to track.
 - 118. Plaintiff requests an accounting as to the location of the Stolen Assets.
- 119. Plaintiff requests the imposition of a constructive trust upon the property that was stolen from him by John Doe.

PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff demands judgment in his favor and against defendant John Doe as follows:

- a. An injunction ordering John Doe and the Relief Defendants to disgorge the Stolen Assets;
- b. An injunction preventing any unknown holders of John Doe's Stolen Assets from transferring or otherwise disposing of the Stolen Assets.
- c. An injunction ordering any unknown holders of John Doe's Stolen Assets to disgorge the Stolen Assets.
- d. An order awarding Plaintiff actual, compensatory and consequential damages;
- e. An order awarding Plaintiff punitive damages in an amount to be determined but no less than \$1 million.
- f. An order awarding Plaintiff pre- and post- judgment interest;
- g. An order awarding Plaintiff attorney's fees, expert and consultant fees and expenses, and costs; and
- h. Such other and further legal and equitable relief as the court deems just and proper.

DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL

Plaintiff demands a jury trial for all issues so triable.

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